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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, KS

SUBJECT: NEW EMERGENCY MEASURES: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE BY  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN MAY 13 NOON BRIEFING. QUOTE:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE NEW EMERGENCY MEASURES  
IN KOREA?

A: I HAVE NO COMMENT. AS IN THE PAST, WE WERE INFORMED  
BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE THE PROMULGA-  
TION OF THESE EMERGENCY MEASURES.

Q: WERE YOU CONSULTED?

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A: WE WERE NOT CONSULTED.

Q: WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE PROMPTED THE KOREAN ACTION?

A: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FEELS---IN  
LIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION---THAT ITS SECURITY  
IS THREATENED.

Q: WHAT IS THE USG VIEW OF TTHE SECURITY SITUATION  
KOREA?

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A: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN KOREA. AS YOU KNOW,  
WE HAVE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS RECENTLY REAFFIRMED OUR  
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

Q: WHAT ABOUT U.S. POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS? DO YOU  
BELIEVE THIS NEW CURTAILMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS JUSTIFIED?

A: THE U.S. POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS WELL-KNOWN.

BACKGROUND: CITING A SERIOUS THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY  
POSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AND THE VISIT OF KIM  
IL SUNG TO PEKING, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT ON MAY 13  
PROMULGATED NEW EMERGENCY MEASURES. THESE MEASURES PRO-  
HIBIT ADVOCACY OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, ALL STUDENT  
POLITICAL ACTIVITY, SPREADING RUMORS AND DISTORTED FACTS  
AND NEWS REPORTING OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING. THE DECREES  
PROVIDE THAT VIOLATORS WILL BE TRIED BY CIVILIAN COURTS  
AND WILL RECEIVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR'S  
IMPRISONMENT. INGERSOLL

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